

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 3-5, 8, 13-27, and 29-35 will remain pending in the application.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being allegedly anticipated by Zikolova et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this ground for rejection.

The Examiner asserted that the claim reads on the compound RN 20343. In contrast to the Examiner's assertion, claim 1 does not read on RN 20343 because the definition of Y in claim 1 does not include -CH₂-CH₂-O, which is required by RN 20343. Withdrawal of this ground for rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being allegedly anticipated by Dahlbom et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this ground for rejection.

The Examiner asserted that the claim reads on the compound RN 20163-80-8. In contrast to the Examiner's assertion, claim 1 does not read on RN 20163-80-8 because the definition of Z in claim 1 does not include -NH-SO₂, which is required by RN 20163-80-8. Furthermore, claim 30 does not read on RN 20163-80-8 because the definition of Y in claim 1 does not include -(CH₂)₃-, which is required by RN 20163-80-8. Withdrawal of this ground for rejection is respectfully requested.

Finally, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being allegedly anticipated by Moreau et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,132,786). Applicants respectfully traverse this ground for rejection.

The Examiner asserted that claim 1 reads on compound 4 in column 5, lines 15-20. In contrast to the Examiner's assertion, claim 1 does not read on compound 4 of Moreau et al. because the definition of Z in claim 1 does not include -NH-SO₂, which is required by compound 4. Furthermore, claim 30 does not read compound 4 in column 5, lines 15-20, of

Moreau et al. because the definition of Y in claim 1 does not include -(CH₂)₃- . Withdrawal of this ground for rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 1 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being allegedly obvious over Moreau et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,132,786). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

The Examiner asserted that Moreau et al. teaches a generic group of compounds that embraces Applicants' claimed compounds (column 1, lines 9-30, compounds of formula (I), and definitions for n, R¹, and R²). The Examiner further asserted that although the present invention recites a more limited genus than Moreau et al., it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the claimed invention was made, to select any of the species of the genus taught by Moreau et al. This is allegedly because a skilled chemist would have a reasonable expectation of success that any of the species of the genus would have similar properties, and thus the same use as the genus as a whole.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion that Moreau et al. teaches a generic group of compounds that embraces Applicants' claimed compounds. The compound disclosed by Moreau et al. at column 1, lines 9-30 (compounds of formula (I)), does not embrace Applicants' claimed compound because the definition of Z in claim 1 does not include -NH-SO₂, which is required by the compounds of formula I of Moreau et al. Therefore, claim 1 is not obvious over Moreau et al.

Withdrawal of this ground for rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

As the above-presented amendments and remarks address and overcome all of the rejections presented by the Examiner, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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